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SOMETHING is KILLING the CHILDREN™

Palmark
WE'RE GOING TO GO SEE THAT MOVIE THIS WEEKEND. WITH WHAT'S-HER-FACE. THE ONE I LIKE. WITH THE FACE.

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THEY SHOULD PAY YOU TO WRITE MOVIE REVIEWS.
THEY SHOULD PAY ME TO DO *ANYTHING* OTHER THAN THIS.

SO ARE YOU AND JAKE, LIKE, OFFICIAL OR ANYTHING?
BLIP

THAT'S NOT WHAT THIS IS. HE'S MY *FRIEND.*

GOD, ED. YOU'RE GOING TO HURT THAT BOY.
HE PLAYS STRONG, AND HE *WANTS* TO BE STRONG, BUT HE'S GOT THAT KIND OF PUPPY DOG LOVE AND HE'S GOING TO GET HURT.

I'VE ALWAYS BEEN REALLY CLEAR ABOUT WHAT OUR DEAL IS. I MAKE SURE JAKE IS OKAY WITH IT.

IF HE *WASN'T* OKAY WITH IT, HE WOULDN'T GET TO SPEND TIME WITH YOU. SO HE DOES WHAT HE CAN TO SPEND TIME WITH YOU.

YOU SHOULD GO OUT WITH YOUR *FAKE BOYFRIEND* YOU TALK TO EVERY GODDAMN DAY.

HE'S *NOT* MY BOYFRIEND!

YOU'RE BOTH GOING TO GET *HURT.*

DING
OKAY, WE HAVE TO BE QUICK. I KNOW WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR.

THERE IS A *MONSTER* COMING TO EAT EVERYBODY, AND YOU BETTER *RUN!*

THAT IS NOT WHAT I MEANT BY KEEPING A LOW PROFILE.

OH. I JUST...

IT'S FINE. THERE'S NOBODY HERE.

DON'T MIND US.

THAT LADY WAS *BLEEDING*, RIGHT?!

SHUT UP, ED.

BING

HUH. MUST BE BUSTED.

NOBODY'S THERE...

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WE SHOULD CALL ANDI--

ANDI IS GETTING FUCKED BY HER BOYFRIEND AT HIS GAS STATION AND WILL KILL US IF WE INTERRUPT.

THAT DOESN'T MATTER. THERE'S A LADY ***COVERED IN BLOOD.*** IF THIS SHIT GETS WEIRD, SHE'LL KILL US FOR ***NOT*** REACHING OUT.

BACK

I DON'T GET IT...I DIDN'T ***SEE*** ANYONE IN THAT AISLE...

FUCK. THERE'S NO SIGNAL...

I NEED A ***FULL BLACKOUT*** ON FLAT ROCK, SOUTH DAKOTA. THERE ARE CIVILIANS, AND I DON'T WANT ANYBODY ELSE IN HARM'S WAY.

YOU SAID YOU WERE GOING TO TAKE CARE OF THIS ***TWO NIGHTS AGO.***

NORTH DAKOT

SOUTH DAKOT

I DIDN'T, AND IT GOT BIGGER. AND IF YOU DON'T GIVE ME MY BLACKOUT, I'M GOING TO BLACK ***YOU*** OUT.

THE DATA BLACKOUT STARTED THE SECOND AFTER YOU ASKED FOR IT. I JUST LIKE HEARING YOU ***SQUIRM.***

ELECTRICAL BLACKOUT IS COMING IN JUST A FEW MINUTES.

I'M GOING TO STRANGLE YOU.

SNAP

WAS THAT YOUR BROTHER?

I DON'T KNOW. HE'S SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

I USED TO FIGHT LIKE THAT WITH MY BROTHER. BEFORE...

I'M NOT GOING TO LET ANYTHING HAPPEN TO YOU, AND I WOULDN'T WANT ANYTHING BAD TO HAPPEN TO MY AWFUL BROTHER, EITHER.

NOTHING *TOO* AWFUL, ANYWAYS.

I CAN HEAR THE MONSTER IN HERE. IT CAN *SMELL* ME. IT WANTS TO *KILL* ME.

YES, IT'S HUNTING YOU. BUT THAT MEANS WE CAN CORNER IT AND KILL IT.

THIS DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE. WHAT PERSON COULD EVEN KNOCK OVER ONE OF THESE SHELVES? I SHOULD KNOW, I'VE TRIED!

THE LIGHTS...

I DON'T LIKE THIS. THIS IS SOME WEIRD SHIT. THIS IS LIKE AN ***EVIL GHOST*** OR SOMETHING, AND IT'S GOING TO KILL US. WE SHOULD RUN.

IT'S PROBABLY JUST SOME FUCKED-UP PEOPLE PLAYING TRICKS ON US.

I DO ***NOT*** WANT FUCKED-UP PEOPLE PLAYING TRICKS ON ME. WE DO NOT GET ***PAID ENOUGH*** FOR FUCKED-UP PEOPLE TO PLAY TRICKS ON US.

CRASH

I WANNA FIND WHATEVER'S MAKING THAT NOISE.

WAIT...I THINK...

IT'S RIGHT THERE!

WHATEVER IT IS, IT'S RIGHT IN FRONT OF US!

NO. THERE IS.

I DON'T SEE ANYTHING.

I CAN *FEEL* IT. IT'S BIG AND IT'S BREATHING AND IT'S COMING CLOSER.

THERE'S NOTHING THERE!

GET BEHIND ME AND DO WHATEVER THE GIRL TELLS YOU TO DO.

PAT PAT

PAT

YOU TWO, FOLLOW ME! I'M YOUR BOSS NOW!

I TRULY DON'T UNDERSTAND ANY OF THIS.

I THINK I DO.

WAIT, WHERE ARE YOU EVEN TAKING US?

AWAY FROM THE FIGHT.

I KNOW WHERE WE SHOULD GO.

ALL THE SECURITY CAMERAS ARE DEAD. DOWN IN THE POWER OUTAGE...

IT LOOKS LIKE THAT BLONDE LADY IS FIGHTING SOMETHING. IS THIS A GHOST? IS THIS, LIKE, A REAL GHOST FIGHT?

CAN YOU TELL US WHAT YOU KNOW?
IT'S A SECRET.

WELL, YOUR SECRET IS FUCKING UP OUR STORE RIGHT NOW!

THIS IS ALL *TOO* WILD...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? THERE'S NO SIGNAL.

I'M TEXTING MY ***NOT-BOYFRIEND*** EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENING, SO IT GETS TO HIM WHEN THE SIGNAL COMES BACK ON.

IF I DIE, I WANT SOMEBODY TO ***AVENGE*** ME!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND. IF HE'S NOT YOUR BOYFRIEND, THEN ISN'T HE JUST A FRIEND?

EXACTLY!

THEY KEEP MAKING OUT, GOING OUT TOGETHER, AND TALK EVERY DAY.

THAT SOUNDS LIKE A BOYFRIEND.

YOU JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND MY CULTURE.

I KNOW WE'RE IN DANGER. I BELIEVE SOMETHING ***REAL*** IS HAPPENING DOWN THERE. I JUST NEED TO KNOW WHAT IT IS.

THERE WAS A ***MONSTER.*** I THINK...I THINK IT CAME OUT OF MY ***NIGHTMARES.*** AND IT ATE MY LITTLE BROTHER.

AND THEN IT TRIED TO EAT ***ME.***

BUT THAT ***LADY*** DOWN THERE SAVED ME. AND SHE'S BEEN TRYING HARD TO KEEP ***ME*** ALIVE, AND TRYING TO ***HURT*** THE MONSTER.

I THINK THAT'S WHAT SHE DOES. I THINK SHE ***SAVES*** LITTLE GIRLS LIKE ME FROM BIG MONSTERS...AND TRIES TO NOT LET THEM GET ANYBODY'S ***LITTLE BROTHERS,*** EITHER.

OH SHIT. FRANCIE... ANDI JUST GOT BACK!

WHAT THE FUCK.

RRRRRRRRR

SMAP
AAAIIEEEEE--

I...DON'T UNDERSTAND...

ANDI!

SHUNK

THUNK

THERE.

IT'S DONE.

GLUG GLUG

WE NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE THE AUTHORITIES SHOW UP. BUT IT'S OVER NOW. NOBODY ELSE IS GOING TO DIE.

NOW WE JUST HAVE TO CLEAN UP THE MESS A LITTLE BIT.

VRRRRR

VRRRRR

I WAS TRAINED FROM A YOUNG AGE TO MAKE SURE NOBODY WHO LEARNS THE TRUTH ABOUT MONSTERS LIVES TO TALK ABOUT IT.

WHAT ABOUT THE GIRL?

RRR

SHE HAS HAD A TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCE. SHE *IMAGINED* ALL OF THIS. SHE'LL GROW UP AND THINK IT WAS A WEIRD NIGHTMARE.

THE *REST* OF YOU ARE A PROBLEM.

=SIGH=

VRR

RRRR

VRRRR

RR

THAT'S WHY IT'S A GOOD THING NONE OF YOU *SAW* ANYTHING.

AND YOU'RE *LUCKY* THAT I WAS TAUGHT BY SOMEBODY WITH A FUCKING *SOUL* TO HANDLE THESE THINGS LIKE THIS.

VRRRRRR

HE TEXTED HIS BOYFRIEND!

JAKE *ISN'T* MY BOYFRIEND!

THE SIGNAL'S STILL DEAD. THE TEXTS HAVEN'T SENT.

RRRRRRRRR

DELETE THEM. OR SOME VERY BAD PEOPLE ARE GOING TO COME TO THIS TOWN WHO INTERPRET THE RULES *DIFFERENTLY* THAN I DO.

VRRRRR

MAKE SURE HE DOES. I'M NOT JOKING.

VRR R RRR

WHO *ARE* YOU?

WHO I AM ISN'T IMPORTANT. WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS THAT THIS GIRL IS ***ALIVE,*** AND THAT THING ISN'T GOING TO GET ANY ***MORE*** OF THEM.

VRRRP

I WISH I COULD KNOW MORE...

NO.

RRRRRRRRR

YOU DON'T.

RRRRRR

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